

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 8 and 9.

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the discussion below.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indicated allowability of claims 20-22 and the indication of allowable subject matter of claims 1-19 if those claims were rewritten and/or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112.

Claims 1-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite with regard to §3 on page 2 and 3 of the Patent Office Action.

In response to this rejection, Applicants have amended claims 1, 8, 14 and 18. Claim 1 has been amended to delete the phrase “particularly of a passenger car” in order to obviate this portion of the rejection. Claim 8 was rejected because it failed to recite a means or device for performing the step of “measuring the air noise”. In response to this rejection, Applicants have amended claim 8 to recite that it is a device for using the method according to claim 1 which involves using a blower with a outflow cross-section as a component of a flow device which is equipped with a blast nozzle for acting upon respective measuring points at respective predetermined areas. Applicants submit that the claim 8 now is a proper device claim which uses the method according to claim 1 instead of “implements”.

The objection to claim 14 has been overcome by changing the dependency of claim 14 to claim 8 to provide a proper antecedent basis and by eliminating the term "for example" so that claim 14 now recites that the blast nozzle is either a rectangular shape or an oval shape using the language "one of".

Claim 18 has been amended to properly depend from claim 17 so that the antecedent basis for "covering" is properly established.

The objection to the drawings with respect to the diagram boxes 13, 14, 15, 19 and 23 is addressed by the attached "Replacement Drawing Sheet" for Figs. 8 and 9.

Therefore, in view of the changes to the claim structure to obviate the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 and in view of the submission of the replacement sheet drawing, Applicants respectfully request that this application containing claims 1-22 be allowed to be passed to issue.

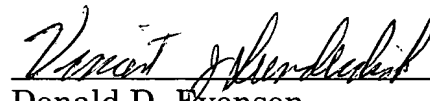
If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #028987.52973US).

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Respectfully submitted,

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